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MANPOWER, HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS IN EAST GERMANY

ECONOMY ABSORBS RESETTLED PERSONS -- Der Volksbetrieb, No 2, Jan 50

Eighty-four percent of all relocated persons in the German Democratic Republic have been integrated into the economy of the country. A total of 90,000 families, numbering 350,000 persons, have been settled as farmers with a total of 75,000 hectares of land. Of 3,875 public offices in Mecklenburg, 1,166 are held by resettled persons. Three of the six chief burgomasters in Mecklenburg are resettled persons, as are 741 burgomasters. Of 114 Kreis councilors, 69 are resettlers, as well as 28 of the 87 members of the Mecklenburg diet.

NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES RISES -- Die Wirtschaft, No 24, Dec 49

The number of persons employed in people-owned industries in the Soviet Zone increased from 714,312 on 30 June 1948, to 949,475 on 30 September 1949.

The people-owned plants in the Zone had a gross profit of 190 million Deutsche marks during the first half of 1949, 55 million more than the 135 million Deutsche marks planned.

PLAN WORKER TRAINING IN BRANDENBURG -- Wirtschaft im Aufbau, No 24, 15 Dec 49

According to the Brandenburg Chamber of Manual Trades, the handicraft workers in the Land are distributed among the various age groups as follows:

Age	Masters	Non-Masters
Up to 30	609	1,443
31-40	4,586	4,682
41-50	7,679	6,966
51-60	6,706	6,500
61 and over	5,906	4,411

As may be noted from these figures, there is a great shortage of young workers. Accordingly, in January 1949, the Chamber of Manual Trades campaigned

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for a fund to provide training in various fields. By 1 November, 140,900 Deutsche marks had been collected, with which a home for handicraft workers was opened in Caputh. Actual expenditures for the home amounted to 155,500 Deutsche marks, creating a deficit of 14,600 Deutsche marks. Additional sums will be sought by the Chamber of Manual Trades so that the home may be properly equipped to train new workers.

INCREASE IN MANUAL TRADES TURNOVER -- Der Morgen, No 8, 10 Jan 50

Handicraft enterprises in Mecklenburg had a total turnover of 464 million Deutsche marks in 1949. Employing a total of 106,000 workers, most of whom have been organized into cooperatives, 34,000 enterprises participated in this achievement. The number of apprentices rose from 7,000 to 17,300 in 1949; the number of persons retrained for manual trades increased from 1,500 to 2,600.

TO RETRAIN WORKERS -- Der Morgen, No 5, 6 Jan 50

Production quota increases scheduled for Land Brandenburg amount to 31 percent for people-owned and 20 percent for private enterprises. It is anticipated that these increases will result in shortages of skilled labor in many branches of industry. To cope with this problem, 2,000 men and women will be retrained for the metal industry and the same number for the lumber and building industries. An additional 4,000 women will also be trained for the lumber and building industries. It is expected that numerous agricultural workers will transfer to industry.

WORKERS' HOUSING BEGUN IN BRANDENBURG -- Wirtschaft im Aufbau, No 23, 1 Dec 49

At the beginning of November 1949, more than half of the 475 new houses planned for Land Brandenburg were under construction. By 1 December, 65 homes for workers in the Hennigsdorf Steel and Rolling Mill were completed. Fifty houses for employees at the people-owned Deka Tire Plant in Ketschendorf have been roofed, and 150 new homes are under construction.

In Senftenberg, 20 workers' homes have been erected, while another 20 are in progress. By the end of the year, 25 houses will be ready for occupancy by employees of the people-owned rayon factory in Premnitz. By the end of December, 2,200 homes in Land Brandenburg are to be repaired, and during the winter months they are to be made ready for occupancy.

MINERS TO GET HOMES -- Taegliche Rundschau, No 39, 15 Feb 50

Building plans for the mining town of Senftenberg include a mining college and construction of 2,000 new housing units. Work has begun on 63 of these dwelling units.

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